

PALLBEARERS

Derrick Stretch
Anthony Hunter

Christopher Cato
Edmond Green

Nathaniel Nelson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Carlton Stretch
Ethan "Eimani" Middleton
Reubin Stretch

Ian Stretch
Edward Veal
Solomon Stretch

FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Please know that the family of Ms. Barbara Stretch has been deeply blessed by your many acts of kindness and support during the transition of our dear loved one. Your presence, calls, visits, gifts, prayers and all acts of compassion will always be a beacon of hope and a strong pillar of faith for our lives.

May God forever bless and keep you.

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CELEBRATING THE

Life OF

Barbara
JEAN
STRETCH

JUNE 18, 1954 - APRIL 24, 2025

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 11:00 AM
BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1245 Forty One Road | St. Stephen, SC
Reverend Lillian Washington, Pastor

INTERMENT

Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery
St. Stephen, SC



Life REFLECTION

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Ms. Barbara Jean Stretch, affectionately known by her family as "Jeannie," was born on June 18, 1954, in Bonneau, South Carolina, to Carrie Stretch and Harold Warren. She grew up in Bonneau and began her education at Bonneau Elementary School. Later, she moved to Maryland and graduated from Suitland High School, Class of 1973.

After high school, Barbara pursued her passion for healthcare. She took a variety of classes and earned certifications in Medical Assisting and Nursing through Trident Technical College. She also briefly explored Accounting, demonstrating her lifelong love of learning and her independent spirit.

Throughout her career, Barbara was a dedicated and hardworking woman. She began her first job working with her beloved grandmother, Louise Crummey, at Wallace Elementary School. Later, she served for ten years in food service at the College of Charleston, where she made many lasting friendships. In her younger years, she also worked on her family's farm, tending to animals and learning the value of perseverance.

Barbara was the proud mother of three children and the loving grandmother of four grandchildren. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family, and her love for them shined through in everything she did — especially in the meals she joyfully prepared for them. She stayed active and curious, enjoying walks, reading, crocheting, trying new recipes, and tackling creative home projects she and her daughter discovered on TikTok.

Her sweet nature, coupled with her strong independence, made Jeannie a beloved figure in her family. She had a special gift for making something out of nothing and finding the good even in the hardest situations. As a mother and grandmother, she was caring, open, and accepting of the different personalities and paths of her children and grandchildren. Whether it was attending Carlton's house parties (even though she was not a party person), learning dances and slang with her grandchildren, playing games like Roblox, or trying adventurous new foods with her daughter Brianne, Jeannie embraced every opportunity to support and share joy with her family.

She loved shopping trips to JCPenney, cherished receiving bath sets (especially those with bath bombs), and could often be found enjoying her favorite dessert — chocolate cake. She

was a devoted fan of The Young and the Restless and The Price is Right and loved the simple pleasure of train rides. Music brought her much happiness, and Stevie Wonder's "Ribbon in the Sky" was one of her favorite songs — a song that will forever remind her family of her light and love.

On April 24, 2025, Barbara departed this life peacefully, surrounded by the children she loved so deeply. She was preceded in death by her dear great-grandmother, Mary Stretch with whom she lived in her early years, her grandmother, Louise Crummey, and her mother, Carrie Stretch Green.

She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved children, Carlton (Kaela) Stretch, Derrick Stretch, and Brianne Stretch; her cherished grandchildren, Eimani, Ian, Elias, and Elijah; her siblings Edmond Green and Mindy Green; her cousins who were like brothers, Reubin Stretch and Solomon Stretch; her beloved aunt, Lucille Milligan; and a host of other cherished family members and friends.

Jeannie's life was a beautiful testament to love, family, strength, and faith. She served as the heart of her family — their matriarch — and her gentle strength, unconditional love, and joyful spirit will forever remain a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

The Broken Chain

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide;
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

ORDER OF *Service*

Rev. Constance Nelson Barnes McLeod, Officiating
Pastor, New Grace UMC, St. George, SC

Rev. Jacob L. McLeod, Presiding
Pastor, New Hope UMC, McBee, SC

***PRELUDE** Musicians and Bethel UM Choir

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL AND FINAL VIEWING
“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

GREETING

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

PRAYER Rev. Lillian H. Washington

PRAYER RESPONSE “Thank You, Lord”

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament - Psalm 23 Rev. Johnnie Lee Wilson
Ecclesiastes - 3:1-8 Rev. Jacob McLeod
New Testament - John 14:1-6 Rev. Mikle Jenkins

MUSICAL SELECTION Sis. Ernestine “Chettia” McKnight

REFLECTIONS Mrs. Kaela Stretch | **Daughter-In-Law**
Grandsons

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MUSICAL SELECTION Sister Bridgett Hood

WORD OF COMFORT
Rev. Constance Nelson Barnes McLeod

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***CLOSING SELECTION** “Soon and Very Soon”

***RECESSIONAL**

COMMITTAL, BENEDICTION, AND INTERNMENT
Bethel UMC Cemetery

*** Please stand as you are able.**

